



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

April 21, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO
CONTRACT NUMBER 76456 FOR NORTH REGION SECURITY SERVICES
AND CONTRACT NUMBER 76457 FOR CENTRAL REGION SECURITY SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, and 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to amend Contract Number 76456 for armed and unarmed security services at William S. Hart Regional Park Headquarters, Tesoro del Valle Park, and Placerita Canyon Park, collectively known as the North Region; and Contract Number 76457 for armed and unarmed security services at two Department Headquarters; South Agency, East Agency, and the Los Angeles County Arboretum, collectively known as the Central Region, for the purpose of transferring and assigning each contract from the current contractor, Akal Security, Inc., to Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons cited herein.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) to execute amendments for Contract Number 76456, for armed and unarmed services at the North Region, and Contract Number 76457, for armed and unarmed security services at the Central Region, substantially similar to Attachment I. The amendments will transfer and assign the contracts from Akal Security, Inc. (Akal), to Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. (Securitas). The amendments will be effective on the first day of the month following approval by the Director.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 15, 2008, your Board approved Contracts Number 76456 and 76457 for the North and Central Region, respectively, for a term of two years with three one-year renewal options for the annual cost of \$361,540 for the Central Region and \$61,098 for the North Region with Akal, to provide security services. In January 2009, Akal approached the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to report that due to an internal company restructuring, it would no longer be providing any services within the State of California. Akal requested authorization to assign its contracts to another company. The Department consents to have the contracts assigned to Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.

The recommended action will enable the Department to continue to provide security services at the Central and North Region locations.

The Department has reviewed the financial records, business references, and staffing plan for Securitas. Securitas agrees to the County's terms and level of service requirements in the contract, including compliance with the County's Living Wage requirements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action will further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), through the provision of quality security services in a timely manner, responsive and cost effective manner at a savings over County costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Pursuant to the terms of each amendment, there is no change in the costs for security services. The proposed assignments continue to be cost effective.

Operating Budget Impact

There is no impact to the Department's Operating Budget as the recommended actions will result in no net County cost increase.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the current contract terms, all assignments and delegations require Board approval. Under the recommended action, the Director will use delegated authority from the Board to execute each amendment.

The amendments for Contract Number 76456 and Contract Number 76457 will transfer and assign all duties, responsibilities, obligations and performance requirements from Akal to Securitas.

Securitas agrees to accept all terms and conditions of each contract. The cost of the contract remains unchanged. The effective date of each transfer and assignment will be the first day of the month following the Director's approval.

The Department has reviewed financial records, work history, references and labor reports and finds that Securitas will be a responsible contractor to provide security services at the Central and North Regions. In addition, Securitas agrees to all the County's required provisions and contract costs.

Securitas will provide the required insurance policies prior to the start of the effective date of each Amendment, naming the County as an additional insured.

County Counsel has approved the Amendment as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative/fiscal activities which do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Contracting Process does not apply since the proposed amendments are for existing contracts previously approved by the Board.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that an adopted copy of the action taken by the Board and a fully executed copy of the attached Amendment Number 1 be mailed to: Mr. Roger Palmer, Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., 16136 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, California 91406. In addition, it is requested that two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachment

c: County Counsel